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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, SY, LY
SUBJECT: LIBYAN VIEWS ON JAN. 12 SC DEBATE

1. LIBYAN CHARGE TOLD EMBOFF JAN. 6 THAT HE
HAD SPENT FOUR-FIVE HOUR SESSION WITH FONMIN
KHADDAM PREVIOUS DAY. KHADDAM INDICATED THAT HE
THOUGHT U.S. MIGHT EMPLOY VETO. LIBYAN THEN
ANALYZED SYRIAN/PLO POSITION, WHICH HE DID NOT
ASCRIBE TO KHADDAM BUT BY IMPLICATION MAY REFLECT
INFORMATION HE OBTAINED DURING LONG TALKS WITH
FONMIN. HE SAID THAT SYRIA AND PLO INTEND TO
PRESS FOR MODIFICATIONS IN UN RESES. "242 AND
338". IN THIS, THEY WILL BE SUPPORTED BY
LIBYA, ALGERIA AND IRAQ; OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES HAVE
NOT COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO SYRIAN/PLO POSITION
AND MAY INSTEAD FOLLOW EGYPT, WHICH HE SAID IS
URGING MODERAE RESOLUTION IN ORDER TO ACCOMODATE
AMERICANS AND AVOID U.S. VETO. LIBYAN DISCOUNTED
LIKELIHOOD THAT SC SESSION WOULD LEAD TO POSITIVE

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RESULT, AND OPINED THAT PERHAPS SOMETHING USEFUL

COULD BE WORKED OUT SUBSEQUENTLY AT GENEVA OR SOME OTHER LOCATION.

2. COMMENT: LIBYAN'S VIEWS CONFLICT MARKEDLY

WITH OTHER REPORTS WE HAVE OBTAINED FROM SARG SOURCES THAT SYRIA INTENDS TO WORK CONSTRUCTIVELY IN SC FOR RES. THAT HAS SOME CHANCE OF ENLISTING U.S. BACKING. IT MAY BE THAT HE WAS EXPRESSING POSITION THAT LIBYA HOPES SYRIA WILL TAKE OR EVEN SYRIAN/PLO FALL-BACK POSITION SHOULD INITIAL "CONSTRUCTIVE" ATTITUDE FAIL TO WIN SUPPORT OF U.S. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY IS THAT KHADDAM, HIMSELF, MAY NOT YET BE RECONCILED TO MODERATE POSITION WHICH IS APPARENTLY BEING FAVORED BY PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF FOREIGN MINISTRY TASK FORCE PREPARING FOR DEBATE.
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